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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TARIFF COMMISSION WHEAT INVESTIGATION

(Concluding Statement by Mr. Norris E. Dodd of the United States Department of Agriculture in Connection with the Tariff Commission Investigation With Respect to Wheat and Wheat Products, February 12, 1940.)

Gentlemen of the Commission:

In concluding the case for the Department for the imposition of limitations upon the entry or withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of foreign wheat, I would like to point out again that the Department's position is based upon two broad grounds. First, both at the former hearing and at this hearing the Department has introduced factual data to show that imports of Canadian wheat are being made to the detriment of the wheat program. Second, at this hearing the Department has introduced data evidencing the fact that foreign wheat is "practically certain" to be imported within the meaning of section 22, as recently amended. It is, therefore, the position of the Department that, on either of these two grounds, there exist the legal and factual bases which would warrant the imposition by the President of limitations upon the entry or withdrawal from warchouse for consumption of foreign wheat.

I wish to submit on behalf of the Department, for the consideration of the Commission, the following recommendations:

1. That no wheat, including milling wheat and wheat

"unfit for human consumption," may be entered or

withdrawn from warehouse for consumption (other

than for milling in bond) in the United States in

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- 2. That no flour may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption in the United States in any calendar year from any country in excess of the amount represented by the average annual quantity of flour which was so entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption from such country during the period from January 1, 1929, to December 31, 1933, both dates inclusive.
- That no mill feeds may be entered or withdrawn from 3. warehouse for consumption in the United States in any calendar year from any country in excess of the amount represented by the average annual quantity of such mill feeds which were entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption from such country during the period from January 1, 1929, to December 31, 1933, both dates inclusive: Provided, however, That no limitations be placed upon the withdrawal for consumption of mill feeds resulting from the milling of foreign wheat under bond in the United States, and that such withdrawals should not be included in the determination of the total amount of mill feeds which may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption under the terms of this recommendation.

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4. That limitations be placed upon the entry or withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of wheat products other than those enumerated in recommendations numbers 1-3, inclusive, only in the event that the Commission finds, through investigation, that such entry or withdrawal for consumption will interfere substantially with the wheat program carried out under the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

With respect to the recommendation on wheat, it should be noted that it contemplates the entry or withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of an amount of wheat approximately five times the amount representing the average so entered or withdrawn for the period specified in section 22, and that it would allow the entry or withdrawal of approximately ten times the amount which, under the terms of the statute, could be eligible for such entry or withdrawal.